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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: COURTESY CALL ON PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU

1. WHEN I MET WITH DIRECTOR GENERAL PELAGHIAS AUGUST 2, I
SOUNDED HIM REGARDING POSSIBLE CALL ON PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU PRIOR
TO LATTER'S DEPARTURE FOR ATHENS AUGUST 5 ON TWO WEEK PRIVATE
VISIT. PELAGHIAS THOUGHT ANY CALL COMING IMMEDIATELY AFTER EM-
BARGO LIFTED WOULD BE INOPPORTUNE, BUT FELT PRESIDENT WOULD
APPRECIATE KNOWING OF MY QUERY AND UNDERTOOK TO PASS IT ON.

2. LATER SAME DAY (AUGUST 2), PELAGHIAS CALLED TO SAY PRESIDENT
AND MRS. KYPRIANOU WOULD LIKE MY WIFE AND ME TO COME BY THEIR
HOME FOR DRINKS AT NINE P.M. THAT EVENING.

3. MY HOST OF THE EVENING, CHAIRMAN OF HOUSE FOREIGN RELATIONS
COMMITTEE, WAS UNDERSTANDING AND WE MANAGED ABSENT OURSELVES
FOR ONE HOUR FROM PREVIOUS COMMITMENT AND SPENT FORTY
MINUTES WITH KYPRIANOUS.

4. ON ARRIVAL WE BROKE UP MEETING PRESIDENT WAS HAVING
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WITH MINISTERS OF INTERIOR AND DEFENSE, JUSTICE AND
AGRICULTURE. LATTER, IHT SHOULD BE RECALLED, WAS PRE-
VIOUSLY DIRECTOR OF CYPRUS INFORMATION SERVICE. I PRE-
SUME DISCUSSION HAD DEALT WITH EITHER INTERNAL "CONSPIRACY"
OR TREATMENT OF EL SABAI ASSASSINS OR BOTH.

5. PRESIDENT WAS QUITE PREOCCUPIED AT FIRST BUT GRADUALLY

RELAXED. HE WAS VERY CORDIAL, AND I WAS PLEASED TO NOTE THAT HE HAD REGAINED HIS COMPOSURE.

6. WHILE WE ONLY DEALT TANGENTIALLY WITH SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS, PRESIDENT DID SAY HE DID NOT BELIEVE IT APPROPRIATE FOR GOC TO TAKE ANY INITIATIVE RE CYPRUS ISSUE AT THIS TIME. COMMENT: IT WAS CLEAR THAT ANY INITIATIVE, IF AT ALL, WOULD HAVE TO COME FROM OTHERS. END COMMENT. HE ALSO VOLUNTEERED THAT THE HAD CALLED IN ALL PARTY LEADERS AND ASKED THEM NOT REPEAT NOT TO DEMONSTRATE AGAINST THE U.S.

7. I HAVE SUBSEQUENTLY BEEN TOLD BY OTHERS THAT THE KYPRIANOUS MUCH APPRECIATED OUR CALL.
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